

ABSTRACT

IN-SITU CELL EXTRACTION AND ASSAY METHOD

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5 A method of assaying for an analyte comprises the steps of:

 mixing a sample of cells possibly containing the analyte with

10 a cell lysis reagent to provide a cell lysis fluid,

 ii) mixing the cell lysis fluid with reagents, including a specific

 binding partner of the analyte for binding to the analyte, for performing a

 specific binding assay for the analyte,

 iii) and mixing the cell lysis fluid with a sequestrant for the cell

 lysis reagent, whereby the binding of step ii) is performed in the presence

15 of the sequestrant.